

HOUSE BILL 2724

By Richardson

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 37, Chapter 1, relative to children 18 years of age and older who are in the custody of the department of children's services.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-1-173, is amended by deleting the section in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

(a) The department of children's services may review the status of any person who has reached the age of eighteen (18) who is in the legal custody of the department and whose last commitment is based on an adjudication of dependent and neglected, unruly or in need of services under § 37-1-175 to determine if the person should remain in the care of the department in order to complete high school or other educational training or for the purpose of receiving other services. The department shall continue to provide services to the person who chooses to remain in the care of the department on a voluntary basis.

(b) The department of children's services may review the status of any person who has reached the age of nineteen (19) who is in the legal custody of the department and whose last commitment is based on an adjudication of delinquency to determine if the person should remain in the care of the department in order to complete high school or other educational training or for the purpose of receiving other services. The department shall continue to provide services to the person who chooses to remain in the care of the department on a voluntary basis.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008, the public welfare requiring it.